Government made the selection from the panel selected by the Boards.

MR. K. A. MATHEW: May I know why these candidates were not interviewed by the committee?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS: There was practically no time for it.

MR. K. A. MATHEW: I do not understand.

PRESIDENT: Certain time limit was fixed by the Government of India before the names should be sent to them. There were only two weeks or so.

MR. K. A. MATHEW: May I know whether there was any rule regarding the maximum age?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS: Yes, Sir.

MR. K. A. MATHEW: What was it?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS: Those who were not in Government Service were elegible for selection if they were not above 30 years. Those who were in Government Service should be below 34. Two candidates above 34 were selected on the special recommendation of the committee because of their special experience and qualifications.

MR. K. A. MATHEW: Were they in Government Service?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS: Yes, Sir.

MR. K. A. MATHEW: May I know whether anybody above 30 years of age who were not in Government service was selected?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS: No.

Travancore Fertilisers and Chemicals Ltd.

362. ***MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI:** Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they are aware that during certain months of the year the river water near the Travancore Fertilisers and Chemicals Ltd., is saline;

(*b*) if the answer to (a) is in the affirmative, the effect of the same on the working of the company; and

(*c*) whether any steps have been taken to get over this difficulty and if so, what?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS. (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) & (*c*) The Company is aware of this circumstance and will take the necessary precautions.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: May I know whether the question of the saline nature of the water was taken into consideration before the selection of the locality for establishing the factory was made?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS: Yes, the fact was known even before the selection and it was also known that that defect could be rectified.

Leave to Government servants.

363. ***MR. R. MADHAVAN NAIR** (*Karunagapalli* cum *Kartikapalli*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether acting hands in Government service are entitled to any leave except extraordinary leave;

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[Mr. R. Madhavan Nair]

(*b*) if the answer to (*a*) above is in the negative the provision made in the T. S. R. for leave for ladies in the acting service for purposes of maternity; and

(*c*) do Government consider it desirable to allow maternity leave to acting hands who retain a lien on the appointment while on leave?

MR. S. NARAYANA AIYAR (*Financial Secretary to Government*): (*a*) The rules provide for the grant of privilege leave and leave on medical certificate for not more than three months at a time, to acting hands provided the leave vacancies are not filled up.

(*b*) This does not arise in view of the answer to (*a*) above.

(*c*) No.

Temporary Sub-Registrars' Cutcherry at Ranny.

364. *MR. V. I. IDICULA (*Pattanamitta*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether the temporary Sub-Registrar's Cutcherry at Ranni fulfils the requirements of a permanent Sub-Registrar's Cutcherry?

MR. K. MADHAVA KURUP (*Director of Registration*): There are no specific requirements for a permanent office; and offices are continued on a temporary basis for a variety of reasons.

Sadhujana Co-operative Society No. 143, Venganoor.

365. *MR. T. T. KESAVAN SASTRI: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the date of registration of the Sadhujana Co-operative Society No. 143, Venganoor, Neyyattinkara taluk;

(*b*) the number of members in it; and

(*c*) whether the society is functioning now, and if so, its capital, and if not, the reason therefor?

MR. K. MADHAVA KURUP: (*a*) 28-9-109.

(*b*) 93.

(*c*) Not functioning properly as the members do not take any interest in its affairs. Working capital Rs. 473.

MR. T. T. KESAVAN SASTRI: ആ സംഘത്തിന്റെ വർക്കിംഗ് ക്യാപ്പിറ്റൽ ഒരു തുച്ഛമായൊരു കാരണം. ഈ തുക മുഴുവനും കടം വാങ്ങിയായിട്ടാണോ കൊടുത്തിരിക്കുന്നത്?

MR. K. MADHAVA KURUP: അതെ.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: May I know whether any useful purpose can be served by allowing this society to function any further?

MR. K. MADHAVA KURUP: The general body meeting of the society was held some time ago and I have given three months' time to work up the society.

Sanction under Rule 35 of the Co-operative Societies Rules.

366. *MR. T. K. NARAYANA PILLAI: Will the Government be pleased to state:

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